

said selected databases was a referring source of said relevant document;
and

means for deleting any intervening URLs between said source URL
portion and said ultimate URL portion.

58. (New) The system of claim ⁵⁶~~46~~, wherein said means for processing
results includes :

means for providing an aging parameter defining a maximum age of a
document to be considered current;

means for checking said links for said relevant documents returned as
a result by said selected databases with documents stored in a document
storage and retrieval portion, said document storage and retrieval portion
storing all documents captured during a search;

means for determining if any of said relevant documents is located in
said document storage and retrieval portion;

means for downloading said relevant document if said relevant
document is not located in said document storage and retrieval portion;

means for examining record related information for said relevant
document if said relevant document is located within said document storage
and retrieval portion;

means for verifying an age of said relevant document from said record
related information;

means for comparing said age of said relevant document with said
aging parameter;

means for querying a server associated with said relevant document
for the existence of modifications to said relevant document if said
document is older than the maximum age determined by said aging
parameter; and

means for downloading said relevant document if said document has
been modified since the last time the relevant document was downloaded.

59. (New) The system of claim ⁵⁶46, wherein said means for processing results includes :

means for providing an exclusion list detailing terms, phrases, and sources to be excluded from said results of said query;

means for comparing said results associated with said query to said exclusion list; and

means for deleting any said results which match terms, phrases, and sources on said exclusion list.

60. (New) The system of claim ⁵⁶46, wherein said means for processing results includes :

means for providing an inclusion list detailing terms, phrases, and sources which must be contained in said results of said query;

means for comparing said results associated with said query to said inclusion list; and

means for deleting any said results which do not include terms, phrases, and sources on said inclusion list.

61. (New) The system of claim ⁵⁶46, wherein said means for processing results includes :

means for scoring said relevant documents returned from each of said selected databases for relevance compared to said query;

means for recording a plurality of scores, each score associated with said results from one of said selected databases;

means for providing a minimum acceptable score for narrowing a quantity of said relevant documents to be considered;

means for comparing said plurality of scores with said minimum acceptable score; and

means for deleting documents of said relevant documents which have an associated score numerically less than said minimum acceptable score.